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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, EFIN, CS

SUBJECT: ROBERT LEE VESCO

1. RELIABLE SOURCE OF LEGAL ATTACHE, BUENOS AIRES, REPORTED 11/13/73, THAT HE ATTENDED SOCIAL FUNCTION WITH FORMER LEGAL ADVISOR OF YPF, ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT PETROLEUM CORPORATION, ON 11/11/73, IN BUENOS AIRES. FORMER YPF LEGAL ADVISOR IS PARTNER IN PROMINENT LOCAL LAW FIRM.

2. FORMER YPF LEGAL ADVISOR STATED VESCO, ACCOMPANIED BY JOSE MARTI FIGUERES, SON OF COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT, AND 4 BODYGUARDS, VISITED BUENOS AIRES APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS AGO. VESCO AND GROUP TRAVELLED ON FORMER'S PRIVATE JET AIRCRAFT.

3. OFFICIAL OF BRANIFF ADVISED VESCO'S BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AT EZEIZA AIRPORT, BUENOS AIRES, DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, HIDDEN AWAY IN AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS, ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AIRLINE, HANGAR. NOTE VESCO'S AIRCRAFT HERETOFORE SERVICED BY PAN AMERICAN IN BUENOS AIRES.

4. FORMER YPF LEGAL ADVISOR STATED HIS LAW FIRM HANDLED VESCO'S PETITION FOR ARGENTINE PERMANENT CONFIDENTIAL

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RESIDENCE STATUS. THIS PETITION PRESENTED DIRECTLY TO

MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WHO IN TURN CONSULTED WITH ARGENTINE PRESIDENT PERON. PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS GRANTED TO VESCO, WITH PERSONAL APPROVAL OF PERON. MINISTER OF INTERIOR ASSURED ANY REQUEST FOR VESCO'S EXTRADITION BY USG WOULD BE DENIED.

5. IN DISCUSSING VESCO'S REPORTED 11/6/73 ARREST IN BAHAMAS IN CONNECTION WITH USG REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION, FORMER YPF LEGAL ADVISOR STATED HE WAS CERTAIN VESCO WOULD SEEK ASYLUM IN ARGENTINA SHOULD IT APPEAR BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD GRANT EXTRADITION.
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